cent. So is the Government considering that at least some part of the quota should be kept for public distribution system and low cost housing schemes? Otherwise low cost housing schemes cannot be successful. Will the Government look into it? This threat will not work. I am very happy that the Prime Minister has said that it is a last threat. But your threat will not yield any kind of result. This control on cement has ruined the whole industry, not only the cement industry but the consumer as well. So, I want to know whether the Government will take this into account and have some partial decontrol on cement.

SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR: Sir, I shall not make a policy announcement here and now. But we shall take all the measures that are required to bring down the price of cement. We shall wait for some time. I assure the hon. Members that their point has been well taken and we shall see that in spite of the doubts about the existence of this Government, as long as this Government is there, the cement manufacturers will be made to understand that they have to decrease the prices.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

CNN Telecast through Doordarshan

*44. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to make use of CNN telecast through Doordarshan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Industrial units lying closed in Gujarat

*45. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of small, medium and large scale industrial units lying closed at present in Gujarat;

(b) whether there is any proposal to re-open such units in the near future; and

(c) if so, what is the number of such units which are going to be started and when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) to (c) The Reserve Bank of India maintain data on sickness. However, they do not collect specific data on closed industrial units. As per the information received by the Reserve Bank of India from Banks, there were, as at the end of December, 1988, 53 Non-SSI sick and weak units in the State of Gujarat which were closed/under liquidation/winding up orders issued/under lock out/strikes etc. Out of these 53 Non-SSI units, after examination 7 have been found to be viable, 41 are non-viable and viability in respect of 5 units has not yet been decided. Three viable units have already been placed under nursing programme.

As regards small scale units, there were, at the end of December, 1988, a total of 5,601 sick units, out of which 315 are considered viable, 5,146 non-viable and viability of 140 units has not yet been decided. 188 viable SSI units have been put under nursing programme.

Measures to curb terrorists menace

*46. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what economic, security and political measures have been taken since No-

vember, 1990 to effectively curb the terrorists' menace in Jammu and Kashmir; and

(b) the success achieved as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) The steps taken by the Government to deal with terrorist menace in the State of Jammu and Kashmir include better border management, beefing-up of intelligence set-up and relentless pressure on the militants by the Security Forces which have started yielding results. Significant increase in the number of militants surrendering to the Government and a visible change in the mood of the people in recent months are discernible.

Vigorous efforts are being made to make State administration more effective in developmental and service sectors and to associate local people in such efforts. Assistance to traditional economic activity has been continued.

Government have highlighted its willingness to talk to any person or group but the solution will have to be found within the frame-work of the Constitution and without any compromise on the integrity and sovereignty of the country.

औद्योगिक उत्पादन सूचकांक में गिरावट

* 47. **श्री रणजीत सिंह** : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 17 जनवरी 1991 के फाइनैंशियल एक्सप्रैस में "फालिंग ट्रेन्ड इन इन्डस्ट्रियल आउटपुट इन्डेक्स" शीर्षक के अंतर्गत प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो चालू वित्तीय वर्ष की पहली छमाही के दौरान औद्योगिक विकास की दर क्या रही है और क्या यह दर पिछले तीन वित्तीय वर्षों की पहली छमाहीयों के दौरान प्राप्त दर की अपेक्षा धीमी है ;

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इस सम्बन्ध में ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(घ) क्या सरकार ने औद्योगिक विकास दर में कमी के कारणों का पता लगाया है और यदि हां, तो इसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

प्रधानमंत्री कार्यालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री कमल मोरारका) : (क) केन्द्रीय सांख्यिकीय संगठन द्वारा प्रकाशित औद्योगिक उत्पादन सूचकांक अनुसार जो जुलाई 1990 में 201-9 था अक्तूबर 1990 में कम होकर 196.2 हो गया । तथापि अप्रैल-अक्तुबर 1990 के दौरान अप्रैल-अक्तूबर, 1989 की तुलना में औसत सूचकांक 10.8% बढ गया है ।

(ख) से (घ) अप्रैल-सितम्बर 1990 के दौरान औद्योगिक विकास दर 11.5% थी जो 1987-88% और 1989-90 और 1989-90 की इसी अवधि की विकास दर क्रमश: 10.5% 9.01 और 4.3% से अधिक है ।

खाड़ी क्षेत्र में संकट के कारण मारुति कारों के निर्यात में वृद्धि की गुंजाइश

* 48 **डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय**: क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि खाडी क्षेत्र में संकट और तेल के मूल्यों में हाल ही में हुई वृद्धि के कारण यूरोपीय और अन्य देशों को मारूति कारों का निर्यात किये जाने की संभावनाएं बढ गयी है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है?

प्रधान मंत्री कार्यालय मे राज्य मंत्री (श्री कमल मोरारका) : (क) जी, नहीं !

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।